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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And if some have acknowledged that, that's a plus in my mind. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Mr. Clerk, items.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. I have your Committee on Agriculture reports LB 1236 to General File with amendments, LB 1285 as indefinitely postponed. (Legislative Journal page 785.)

Mr. President, I have a priority motion, that motion be to adjourn from Senator Robak.

SENATOR CUDABACK: According to Rule 7, Section 9, the Speaker has the privilege of speaking to that motion if he cares to. Senator Coordsen or Senator...Senator Kristensen. Speaker Kristensen. I got it right.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm not going to speak to the adjournment motion. I do want to, if we adjourn here, I don't want us to leave today without putting some direction of where we're headed. As you know, today is the last day of half days that we're going to have on the floor. Starting next week will be full days. As I discussed with you earlier this week, we've changed the calendar to allow next Friday to be a full day of hearings on the budget that I don't think I need to go into in terms of why we need to do that. But I did want to share with you where we are at. Today is the 33rd day. Eleven of the last twelve days we have been on senator priority bills on General File. To show for that, we have four bills on Select File, and we've got one that did not advance. Now at that pace, even though they are half days, at that pace that takes us 48.5 days to get through General File, and that doesn't include doing any committee bills; that includes no Speaker bills; that includes no other bills on any other stage of debate. Those 48.5 days would take us just through the senator priority bills. That doesn't include any of the budget